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# MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING of THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP (OHVAG) of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

#### A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attorney General Staff Paul Katz: I call to order the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group on this Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 6:17 p.m., at the State Parks Office. I'm going to have roll call.

#### B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Co-Chair Antle: I am Rebecca Antle, Co-Chair, OHVAG. I represent the Arizona State Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs.

David Moore: I'm David Moore, representing the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Thomas McArthur: I'm Thomas McArthur, I represent the Coconino Trail Riders.

Pete Pfeifer: I'm Pete Pfeifer representing the American Motorcycle Association.

Antle: Is that everybody, Jeff?

Jeff Prince: Don French should be on the line. His phone may be on mute. We may have lost him.

Antle: Do we need him for a quorum?

Prince: No. You do not.

#### 1. MISSION STATEMENT

Antle: Reads OHVAG mission statement:

The Statewide OHV Program Mission is to develop and enhance statewide off-highway vehicle recreation opportunities, and develop educational programs that promote resource protection, social responsibility, and interagency cooperation.

#### C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

(No Response.)

#### D. ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Consider reinstatement of Bill Nash to OHVAG.

Motion made by Pfeifer to reinstate Bill Nash to OHVAG, to serve the remainder of his term through December 31, 2014. Seconded by McArthur.

Motion passes unanimously.

Katz: I'd just like to advise this shouldn't be a problem. The Parks Board never accepted Mr. Nash's resignation. So your reinstatement here should be sufficient and he should be able to participate in the remainder of this meeting as a member.

Nash: Thank you. It's good to be back.

Antle: So, Mr. Nash is a member as of now?

Prince: Correct.

## 2. Consider reallocation of funds for Ambassador Expansion Grant to Community Forest Trust (CFT).

Antle: Jeff, can you give us background on this item?

Prince: CFT lost funding from a private grant which funded their lead Ambassador, Tom Brenan, for operations in the Prescott National Forest and surrounding areas. Prince refers to Attachment "A" of OHVAG packet for more information. He reminds OHVAG of the good work CFT has done on the ground to improve OHV opportunities and that this reallocation is simply moving funds from unused portion of approved grant funding to assist CFT in this difficult financial situation. No new monies will be allocated with this action. These funds have already been approved.

Undistinguishable OHVAG Member: Is the Ambassador Program underneath the CFT or beside them?

Prince: CFT acts on their own with our support but they are subordinate to the overall Ambassador Program.

OHVAG Member: Why can't CFT go back to BLM for increased funding?

Prince: Just a reminder, the Ambassador Program is funded by State Parks and is in my pervue.

Antle: Reminds group it is difficult to find volunteers to do work in the field. Antle recognizes Rod Moyer, CFT representative to speak.

Moyer: Addresses concerns over funding issues. Reminds group that the staff member works only 12 hours a week. Staff will plan and execute 28 events over

the next 16 months, the final 16 months of the current agreement between CFT and State Parks.

McArthur: Voices support of this current reallocation item for CFT but wants to further look into better ways to operate programs such as this in the future.

Motion made by McArthur to recommend reallocation of funds to CFT for Ambassador staff funding. Seconded by Pfeifer.

Passed Unanimously.

## E. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

Antle: OHVAG will meet Friday, February 22, 2013 in Tucson, AZ at the Pima Motorsports Park 11700 S. Harrison Rd. Pete, you and I can set that up and make the arrangements for that. Any agenda items as of yet?

McArthur: I'd like to set the Ambassador Program as an agenda item for discussion. Mostly structural program aspects are of interest and I'd like to learn more.

Antle: Just a short, bullet-point presentation of the Ambassador Program would be helpful.

Prince: Sure, we can put that together.

Antle: The meeting in Tucson will be at 1pm. We can tour the park before the meeting. We're looking at going to Reddington that Saturday to see one of the first grants from State Parks in this area of the state for OHV.

Robert Baldwin: Just a reminder, that meeting in Tucson will include grant rating. So, please come prepared for timely work on grant application grading.

Prince: I'd like to thank everyone for coming to the meeting and helping us out with these issues. You may send agenda items for the upcoming meeting to me.

### F. ADJOURNMENT @ approximately 6:44 pm

No objections to adjournment.